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VMM-161 “Greyhawks” Change of Command

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION MIRAMAR, Calif. (March 20, 2013) – Lieutenant Colonel Eric Gillard, the commanding officer of Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 161, will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Bradley Harms during a change of command ceremony here Friday March 22 at 10:00 a.m.

Lt. Col. Harms will assume the position of commanding officer of VMM-161 after serving as the Deputy Inspector General for 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing.

Lt. Col. Gillard took command of the squadron on April 8, 2011, and subsequently commanded the first West Coast tiltrotor deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He will assume the duties of executive officer for the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps Houston Consortium.

Interested media must RSVP with the Miramar Public Affairs Office at miramarmedia@usmc.mil or (858) 864-3406 by 3 p.m. Thursday, Mar. 21.

We will rendezvous with all media organizations at 9:20 a.m. at the parking lot next to the East Gate. (Take the Miramar Way exit from I-15 and make a right into the parking lot on the right - the gate guard will direct you there.)

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